

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RICHARD SKAFF,
Plaintiff,

No. C 05-1170 MEJ (JL)

v.

CONTINUANCE OF SETTLEMENT
CONFERENCE AND ORDER

LARKSPUR REAL ESTATE
PARTNERSHIP, ET AL.,
Defendants.

TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

Due to a change in the Judges' calendar the settlement conference scheduled for November 29, 2005 has been continued to **Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at 2:00 pm.**, in Judge Larson's chambers, located at the Federal Building, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, 15th Floor, San Francisco, California 94102.

Counsel who will try the case or other counsel responsible for the litigation shall appear at the Settlement Conference with the parties. Any party who is not a natural person shall be represented by an individual not directly involved in the events which give rise to the litigation but with full authority to negotiate a settlement.

If a party is a governmental entity, its governing body shall designate one of its members or a senior executive to appear at the Settlement Conference and, if a proposed settlement agreement is reached, to recommend the agreement to the governmental entity for

its approval. An insured party shall appear with a representative of the carrier with full authority to negotiate up to the limits of coverage.

Personal attendance will rarely be excused by the Court, and only for substantial hardship. A written application to be available by telephone rather than in person shall be served on opposing counsel and lodged with the judge, along with the Settlement Conference Statement.

Only upon written showing of good cause, submitted at least seven calendar days prior to the settlement conference, will the Court excuse a party or Counsel from mandatory attendance of the settlement conference. Parties or Counsel may be excused from attending the settlement conference only upon written authorization from Judge Larson.

Parties or counsel who fail to attend the settlement conference, and where absence is not authorized by Judge Larson, will be subject to sanctions, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(f).

At least seven (7) calendar days before the Settlement conference the parties shall deliver directly to the magistrate judge *two copies* of an Updated Confidential Settlement Conference Statement which should be lodged with chambers and should not be filed with the Clerk of the Court or served upon other parties.

If the case involves any claims for injunctive relief, the parties must meet and confer before the scheduled Settlement Conference in order to resolve as many issues as possible. Results of the meet and confer must be included in the Settlement Conference Statement. Failure to comply with these pre-conditions will result in forfeiture of the Settlement Conference date.

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1 The parties shall notify Magistrate Judge Larson's chambers immediately if this case
2 settles prior to the date set for settlement conference.

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4 DATED: December 1, 2005

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7 James Larson
8 United States Chief Magistrate Judge
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